

important to recognize the work of the Friends of Kenna, a group of residents, whose work has resulted in a state-of-the-art outdoor learning environment, playground and walking track in Jackson County, as a part of the new Kenna Elementary School. The new school playground and track is available for all of the residents of Jackson County to use and should serve as a shining example of the importance of fitness and health. I would like to applaud all of those who rallied together to bring about this substantive change.

I would like to recognize The Friends of Kenna Association and local residents who are responsible for this extremely worthy project. Special recognition for the effort behind the project should go to Kerynn Sovic, Sonya White, Deanna Cunningham, Jessie Cox, Jessie Thompson, and Melissa Donelson. I would also like to salute the following: Mike Gwinn, John Zimmer, Corky McCorkle, John & Gina Myers family, Larry Thompsons, State Senator Mitch Carmichael, State Delegate Steve Westfall, Steve Wedge, Steve Chancey, Jim & Sally Laine, Amy Mellace, Larry & Terry Hersman, Paul & Aiden Barnette, Erin & Michael Sovic, Lisa Quisenberry, Gale Donelson, Robert & Terri McCloy, Tanna Craigo, Kam Barnette, Patrick Anderson, Robert, Rachel & Sarah White; Christian Walker, John & Patsy Stanley, Lori, Mack & Daney Brookover; Greg, Shannon & Ace Eagle; Jason & Tucker Landis, Steve, Brock & Luke Matson; Steve, Melissa, Michael & Jarrett Lough; Luke Lopez, Brenda & Sammy Brown, Jimmy, Hilary & Joyce Groves; Janice Stump, Mike & Rita Casdorff, Raymon Cunningham, Eduardo & Ellen Goff, Jessie Cox, Dr. Tom Layne, Arden Lantz, Bill Barnette, Donna Spencer, Toby & Christy Scholl, Mrs. Rucker & Children, Jill & Mike McFee, Vernon & Paul Holstine, Todd Games, Tabitha Martin, Dylan Martin, Toby & Denise Hershey, Josie & Clay Eisenhard, Bill Shanklin, Karen Barnette, Crystal, Paige & Johnny Harrison; Karen, Patrick, Everett & Garnet Kish; Sherry Dillard, Rylan & Erin Petry & Grandpa Bird; Krista Baker, Heather, Elliot & Hailey Baria; Juanita Wimmer, Michelle Brotherton, Bob, Terri & Ellie McCloy; Brandi, Trey & Kieren Poff; Kenneth, Kendall & Lucas Allison, Dave Miller, Leslie & Mark Stover; Cardinal Concrete, Atlas Poured Walls, BBU Service, CJ Enterprises, TomKat Construction, Ben's Bobcat & Backhoe Service, Life Tite Metal Products, Dougherty Company, Bobby Bostic Masonry, Jackson County Community Foundation, Highmark Foundation, Action for Healthy Kids, Sisters of St. Joseph Charitable Funds, McDonough Foundation, Little Kanawha Resources Conservation & Development, Jackson County Home Builders Association, Sayre Excavating, Dairy Queen of Ripley, Blosser Concrete, Francis Brothers, Alpha Delta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, EQT, Boy Scout Pack 419, Floyd Bowlby, Brickstreet Insurance and to all who donated and volunteered, for their generous contribution to the construction.

And finally, I would like to acknowledge Blaine Hess, Superintendent of Jackson County Schools for his oversight and commitment to the Friends of Kenna and this very important project.

Mr. Speaker, in closing I would like to congratulate the Friends of Kenna for their investment in the next generation through the construction of the new Kenna Elementary School

and its Outdoor Environmental Learning playground and track. Community effort, such as this, makes me proud of my state and proud to be a West Virginian.

#### HONORING LAUREN HILL

#### HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 12, 2014*

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Lauren Hill for her athletic accomplishments and continued strength in her fight against Pediatric Brain Cancer.

Last year, Lauren was diagnosed with Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma, an incurable form of Brain Cancer. The disease has made it increasingly difficult for Lauren to fulfill her dream of playing college basketball. Yet, this college freshman at Mount St. Joseph University persevered and scored four points in her college debut earlier this month to help her team defeat Hiram College. Lauren was named Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference Women's Basketball Player of the Week for her performance.

Lauren is a remarkable young woman, not just because of her athletic ability, but for her passion and dedication to live her life to the fullest while raising awareness about Pediatric Brain Cancer. Her grace and dignity has been a source of strength for children and families facing this terrible disease. Lauren has chosen to donate all proceeds from the basketball game to The Cure Starts Now, an organization working to find a cure for Pediatric Brain Cancer. Though Lauren's story has made national headlines, she has remained the same humble and tenacious young woman whose story has inspired our nation.

During the game against Hiram, Lauren said "I've never felt so good in my entire life. Let's not call it my last game. This is my first collegiate game." This positive attitude should serve as a reminder about what we can accomplish even against the most insurmountable odds.

I ask the entire 6th Congressional District to join me in honoring this outstanding young woman for the way she has lived her life and the courage with which she has bravely fought this disease.

#### MARGIE SEMLER

#### HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 12, 2014*

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Margie Semler's leadership and dedication to the community of Passaic and the citizens of New Jersey. To honor her years of commitment, her friends, family, and colleagues joined together in October to celebrate her amazing career.

Margie Semler, daughter of Max and Riva Orlin, a life-long resident of Passaic, New Jersey, was born on June 22, 1923. In 1941, she moved to Passaic with her husband Mac and for the next eleven years began her career in government, where she took a part-time job at a junkyard run by the city's public works department.

While raising and tending to her two young children along with her fun loving, good natured husband Mac, she decided to run for a seat on the Passaic Board of Education. For the next 6 years while on the Board of Education she began her illustrious career as a public servant in which she earned the respect of the residents in the City of Passaic.

Margie decided to further her career and passion for serving the people of Passaic. For the next sixteen years, she was able to serve the residents while on the Passaic City Council. Her passion to being a public servant drove her ambitions when she was elected as the Mayor of the City of Passaic in 1993. She became the first and only female mayor to serve for eight years during her term from 1993–2001.

In 2005, Margie was inducted into the New Jersey Elected Officials Hall of Fame. She has been and remains to be a vital asset to the City of Passaic. Margie is an active participant in various public and civic organizations. She has a great love for animals and an even greater affection for the city in which she has called her home for nearly her entire life.

Margie continues to serve on the Board of Directors of the Passaic Head Start and remains an avid supporter of the families and children in the City of Passaic. As a result of her tireless dedication and commitment to the people of Passaic, the staff, policy council, and the Board of Directors of the Passaic Head Start have renamed their building to the Margie Semler Education Center in her honor.

Margie is married to the late Mac Semler and have two children, Lorrie and Marc.

The job of a United States Congressman involves much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to recognizing and commemorating the services of individuals like Ms. Semler.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, Ms. Semler's family, friends, and all those whose lives she has touched, and me, in recognizing Margie Semler for her dedication to her family and her nation.

#### THANKING PATRICK MILLIGAN

#### HON. PAUL COOK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 12, 2014*

Mr. COOK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a retiring leader of the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District, Patrick Milligan. Patrick Milligan was born in San Bernardino in 1937. His family started one of the original citrus farms in Rialto. He fondly recalls memories of growing up in Rialto during a time when he and his friends could walk through vacant land shooting bb guns. In 1955, he graduated with honors from San Bernardino High School and later graduated from Stanford University and Stanford Law. He returned to his hometown and began practicing trial law in 1961, starting a law firm in San Bernardino where he continues to practice law. Pat is married to Jean Miller Milligan and has four children, two of whom have followed in his footsteps as attorneys.

In 1964, at the age of 28, Pat was elected to the Board of Directors for the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District (Valley District). He has served on the Board for over 41 years and has served as President

of the Board for 19 of those years, almost half of his tenure. When Pat was elected, Valley District was only 10 years old. So, Pat has been involved in building this new agency from the ground up. He "hit the ground running" helping Valley District settle two lawsuits with Orange County Water District and Western Municipal Water District, respectively. The settlements fairly divide water resources providing the downstream agencies with the guaranteed amounts they desired while providing the upstream, Valley District service area, the flexibility they desired. The resulting court judgments are still used to this day to manage water resources. To help reduce the possibility of costly lawsuits in the future by providing a forum where water issues could be discussed, Valley District along with Orange County Water District, Chino Basin Municipal Water District (now Inland Empire Utilities Agency), and Western Municipal Water District formed the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority.

Pat was also instrumental in settling a 40-year legal dispute that involved both the Department of Water Resources and Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWDSC). He directed the effort to negotiate with MWDSC which led to a cooperative agreement. Under that agreement, MWDSC has purchased some of Valley District's unused imported water from the State Water Project resulting in substantial revenues used to build facilities and purchase water for storage locally. The agreement also benefited MWDSC when their partially completed Inland Feeder Pipeline was connected to Valley District's Foothill Pipeline allowing MWDSC to fill their newly constructed Diamond Valley Reservoir before their pipeline was complete.

When Pat took office, Valley District had a contract with the State of California to receive up to 98,000 acre-feet of water from the State Water Project but Valley District had no facilities in place to distribute the water. Under his leadership, Valley District built a regional pipeline system that began with the 84,000 foot long, 6.5 foot diameter Foothill Pipeline. The system now spans from Rialto in the west to Yucaipa in the east. To save money, these facilities were built in partnership with other water agencies. Pat shepherded this ambitious project through good and bad economic times, and never lost the vision to complete these regional facilities. Later, Valley District had the foresight to purchase an additional 4,600 acre-feet of entitlement water raising the total annual amount to 102,600 acre-feet. Pat was the innovator and force behind using "Super Wells" to lower high groundwater conditions in South San Bernardino to help prevent liquefaction, a new term at that time, during earthquakes. The super wells and accompanying pipeline, known as the Baseline Feeder, pumped the nuisance high groundwater to meet needs in Rialto. On the east end of the valley, additional facilities were added that enabled the transport of local storm water. These facilities, in combination with other local facilities, were used in a creative arrangement to meet supplemental water needs in the Yucaipa area without construction of a pipeline to Yucaipa. The agreement, known as the "Exchange Plan", enabled Mill Creek water to be delivered to Yucaipa in exchange for State Water Project (SWP) water.

Pat has always looked out for the Valley in which he grew up. In the early 1970's the United States Army Corps of Engineers un-

veiled an ambitious flood control plan on the Santa Ana River that included the proposed Mentone Dam that would capture both the Santa Ana River and Mill Creek. While the Mentone Dam made sense as a flood control facility, it did not make sense to people that lived in the valley. The dam would have created an eyesore on the east end of the valley and covered over most of the community of East Highland! Valley District took the lead in encouraging alternate proposals and in 1986, the Army Corps agreed to an alternative that moved the dam into the foothills where it stands today. Under Pat's leadership, the Seven Oaks Dam is being used not only for flood control but also for water supply. Valley District, on behalf of water customers throughout the valley, partnered with the Western Municipal Water District and secured Water Right Permits to capture the newly detained water made available by the construction of the Dam. The capture of this water, which would have historically flowed into the Pacific Ocean, will save the people of the valley hundreds of millions of dollars.

Pat has always understood the value of the investment in the State Water Project. When that value was threatened by the Department of Water Resources and other State Water Contractors, Pat directed litigation to protect the District's contract right to sell any unused imported water at a fair price. Valley District prevailed and the resulting revenue has been used over the years to help fund regional facilities, reducing local costs.

Pat has always believed in good planning backed by solid science. Valley District has been a leader in studying the valley's resources to determine the opportunities and constraints. Through a relationship with the United States Geological Survey that has lasted decades, a groundwater flow model was produced which has proven invaluable to analyze water management scenarios and new projects. This model continues to be enhanced and is used every year to develop a management plan for the valley.

This year, Pat announced that he would be retiring from the Valley District Board. His vision and leadership will be dearly missed by both the Board and the Staff. I commend Pat for his years of leadership and service and wish him all the best.

#### HONORING MRS. RUBY HUNT

#### HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 12, 2014*

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the public service of Ruby Hunt. Mrs. Hunt has dedicated her life to working for the public good. Her efforts were instrumental in leading good governance efforts in both the City of Saint Paul and Ramsey County, Minnesota.

Ruby was introduced to the world of public service as a long time and highly active member of the League of Women Voters. Her work with the League led to a leadership position on the Charter Commission where she was instrumental in crafting and passing the Saint Paul City Charter. The new Charter created a strong mayoral form of government, increased accountability for the city budget, and profes-

sionalized the operation of city departments. Mrs. Hunt was only the third woman elected to the Saint Paul City Council, serving from 1972 to 1982. During that time, she continued to improve the functions of city government including moving the Housing and Redevelopment Authority under the control of the City Council. In 1983, Mrs. Hunt was elected to the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners and served until 1995. As a Commissioner, she played a vital role in the establishment of the Ramsey County manager position and the privatization of Regions Hospital through Health Partners. She also had an early role in the development of the Central Corridor/Green Line Light Rail Transit corridor.

Ruby is a quiet leader with a passion for building alliances across lines and working toward social justice. She has dedicated her lifework to the common good and even in retirement continues to make the world a better place. She is committed to mentoring women as public servants and encouraging them to become government leaders.

In recognition of her lifelong commitment to public service and achievements as an elected official for over 20 years, Ruby Hunt was selected by Hamline University as the first recipient of the Women in Public Service Lifetime Achievement Award in 2012. As a former Saint Paul City Council Member and Ramsey County Commissioner with a passion for good governance and social justice, Mrs. Hunt truly exemplifies the spirit of the award. On November 14, 2014, Hamline University is celebrating the establishment of the Ruby Hunt Endowed Scholarship in Public Administration. Establishing a scholarship devoted to women in Mrs. Hunt's honor is a fitting recognition of her contributions.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Ruby Hunt's many substantive and impressive contributions to Minnesota's Capitol City and Ramsey County. Our nation is grateful for the selfless commitment she has made throughout her life supporting and encouraging others.

#### ON INTRODUCING A RESOLUTION HONORING MALALA YOUSAFZAI

#### HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 12, 2014*

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce a Resolution Congratulating and Honoring Malala Yousafzai, Recipient of the 2014 Nobel Peace Prize.

I am also pleased to be joined by Representatives MCGOVERN, BROWN, WILSON, MEEKS, RANGEL, COHEN, SCOTT, GABBARD, FRANKEL, LOWENTHAL, WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, CLAWSON, and CASTOR in honoring 2014 Nobel Peace Prize recipient Malala Yousafzai for her outstanding contributions to global education equality. As the youngest Nobel laureate in history, Ms. Yousafzai has distinguished herself as a courageous and tireless activist for gender equality in education despite being met with great adversity. After surviving an assassination attempt by Taliban gunmen she has emerged as a leading advocate for gender equality in education in a time when approximately 13 million school age girls in her home country of Pakistan remain deprived of an education and where girls'